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Letter dated 2 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated 1 August 1994, from my President to you (see annex).

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 42, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 1 August 1994 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Secretary-General

I regret having to call your attention to the situation in the safe zone of Gorazde, which is critically deteriorating from moment to moment.

Reliable reports from the ground indicate that Karadzic's Serbs in the Gorazde region have continued to transport and concentrate manpower and heavy weapons, which are now aimed at various civilian targets.

In the past week, the aggressor has redeployed artillery and other armaments at various firing positions within the 20 kilometre exclusion zone (specifically on the right bank of the Drina River). These redeployments have been undertaken firstly from the direction of Foca, and then from Visegrad, Rogatica and Pale.

On the night of 30 to 31 July, large columns of the aggressor's tanks and motorized brigades arrived at the settlement of Kopace, which is only 2 kilometres from Gorazde.

For approximately the past 20 days, the aggressor has not allowed any international observers to access, monitor and control the area.

Concurrently, all humanitarian convoys destined for Gorazde and its surroundings have been halted.

These above actions clearly indicate that Serbian forces are preparing an attack against the safe area of Gorazde, while abusing the exclusion zone around it.

We urge you to prevent such an attack by taking all the means and measures at your disposal and in conformity with Security Council resolutions 824 (1993) of 6 May 1993, 836 (1993) of 4 June 1993, and 913 (1994) of 22 April 1994.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC
President

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